assisted ICDS-III Project is being implemented in the States of Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The tentative allocation for the Centrally sponsored ICDS Scheme is Rs. 65.77 crores which includes Rs. 5 crores for the World Bank Assisted ICDS Training Programme.

Board of Professionals and Consulting Engineers

3893. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Board of Professional and Consulting Engineers;

(b) if so, what are its main objectives; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider its establishment to ensure greater efficiency among practising engineering community and monitor their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The areas covered in engineering profession are very vast warranting wider consultation with various agencies and segments of the society to arrive at a consensus before taking any final decision on regulating the profession.

Recognition to Engineering Colleges in A.P.

3894. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether AICTE issued viability certificates to 22 engineering colleges only, out of 45, for which the A.P. Government had issued NOCs;

(b) if so, the criteria followed by AICTE while rejecting recommendations of the State Government; and

(c) whether AICTE propose to open a cell in A.P. to quicken the process of granting recognition?.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) For the year 2001-2002, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh recommended 65 proposals for establishment of engineering colleges, against which Letter of Viability has so far been issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in respect of 29 proposals.

(b) Proposals which are not in conformity with the norms and standards prescribed by the AICTE are referred back indicating the deficiencies/shortcomings. On receipt of compliance on removal of shortcomings within the stipulated period, the cases are processed further and Letter of Viability is issued. Those proposals which do not meet the requirements are rejected.

(c) AICTE is already having an office at Chennai catering to matters related to granting recognition of technical institutes, etc. in the Southern Region including the State of Andhra Pradesh. There is no proposal, at present, to open any more Regional Office of AICTE.

Grants to Rajasthan

† 3895. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the items, programmes or projects and any particular subject for which money was provided to Rajasthan Government by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, togetherwith the details of the amount provided; and

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government has submitted the account of the said amount spent, to the Central Government, in time?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The details of grants

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.